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#### BOOKS ON THE WAR.

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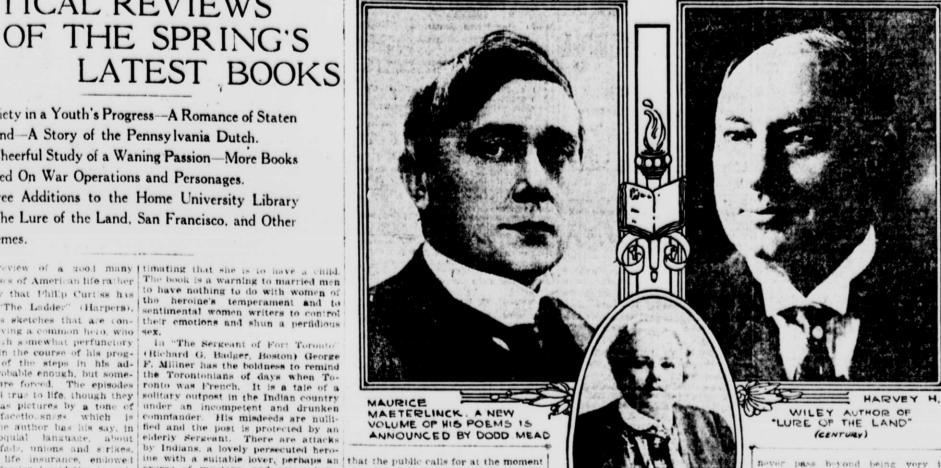
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hooses to intensify the agony of the note down events.

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> was plainly demented. of stature, he was thin to emaciation. Still he seemed virile and active. The room was brilliantly lighted. On the table stood a bowl of violets. The man | jected to the deceit.' He thought it an darted forward and said: "Phil! Phil! Dear love! At last!" He drew her to a sofa and compelled her to sit down. Half sitting on the sofa himself, half kneeling at her feet, he continued: keep the patient alive. Philippa setsweet, in your soft primrose gown, or Francis. She was faithful in pretendwas it long ago, before the shadows ing to love him; finally she did love fell? Al, love, your eyes, your hair!
> And always in the darkness the sound of your voice, the touch of your hands."
> Philippa's senses reeled. She gazed

Philippa (her father's sister), how lishing Company, New York). ried somebody else; how to the de-mented Francis yesterday was the Press. same as to-day, and how it was, accordingly, that the astonishing experience of the present Philippa on her first evening at Bessacre had come

When the doctor came in the morning Philippa heard his great voice ring She responded. Francis lay white and still. By all appearances he was dying. pillow and called: "Francis! Francis!

But this was only the beginning. found herself confronting a man who order that Francis should live it was His hair was snow white. Sufficient necessary that there should be an incarnate continuation of his Philippe There was dispute about this. Major thought it was wrong. He obimposition to ask a young girl to sit for hours together holding Francis's hand. The doctor thought it was right. He held the well known view of doc tors, that the one essential thing is to "Was it yesterday I saw you, cool and thed the matter by remaining with about the room. Her eyes fell upon a help the belief that this really was picture. She rubbed her eyes and fortunate for Philippa.

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period of very disturbing perplexity ing season. All that the novice will English learned how Francis Heathcote (the Major's uncle, if we have got Rodmaking" and "Fishing Tackle, Francis had suffered a frightful fall With quaint pictures and decorations by Harold Speckman two well (Mar.) been affected; how the earlier Philippa. known hymns, "I Think When I Read a shallow nature, had forsaken the That Sweet Story of Old" and "O Love desperately injured Francis and mar- That Wilt Not Let Me Go," are issued in attractive booklets by the Abingdon

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